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<u>Order of Business</u>: The resolution was considered on Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. The vote was rolled until Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Summary**: H.Res. 728 would resolve a sense of the House that:

- "the actions of terrorists will never cause the date of any Presidential election to be postponed; and
- "no single individual or agency should be given the authority to postpone the date of a Presidential election."

The resolution notes that no regularly scheduled national election for federal office has ever been postponed for any reason—including civil or international war.

<u>Additional Background</u>: Reports indicate that terrorists may attempt to strike the United States in the months leading up to the November 2004 national election in an attempt to alter or affect the vote for President.

<u>Committee Action</u>: On July 20, 2004, the resolution was referred to the Committee on House Administration, which took no official action on it.

**Cost to Taxpayers**: The resolution would authorize no expenditure.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?**: No.

<u>Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?</u>: No.

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